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MISSOULA, GREAT FALLS
SINGERS TO PERFORM
AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

MISSOULA--

A group of Missoula singers representing the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBQSA) will present its first public performance Sept. 27 at the University of Montana during a stage show which also will feature singers from the state of Washington and Great Falls.

The performance, "We Sing That They Shall Speak," will be at 8 p.m. in the University Theater. The performance by the Missoula chapter of SPEBQSA will be the charter-night presentation for the local group.

A portion of the proceeds from the program will be given to the UM Department of Music. The balance will be donated to the Institute of Logopedics, Wichita, Kan., which studies and treats people with speech defects.

Musical selections by the local group will include "Little Annie Rooney" and "Little Brown Jug." D.L. Stetler Sr. is chapter choral director. Ray Conger is secretary.

Said Conger, "Barbershop singing is vocal harmony which is most natural and pleasing to the human ear." Such singing is performed without accompaniment.

Conger said about 100 persons will perform the charter show. These will include about 35 members of the all-male Missoula chapter; the "Treasure Statesmen," the Great Falls chapter of SPEBQSA; the Headliner Quartet, Issaquah, Wash.; and the Mellotones, a group of female barbershop singers from Missoula.

According to Conger, the SPEBQSA, a national society organized in 1938, has about 35,000 male members.

Program tickets for children and University students will be \$1. Adult admission will be \$1.50.

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